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Planting Asparagus

Asparagus should be planted in the spring as soon as the ground can be worked. Planting the roots is relatively easy. Dig a trench 12-18" wide and at least 6" deep. Spread the pencil-sized roots out horizontally from the crown. The crown itself should be in an upright centered position.

Cover the crown with about 2" of soil. Gradually fill the trench as the asparagus grows until the trench is filled. In subsequent years, more soil will have to be added because asparagus tends to grow out of the ground.

For the first three years, asparagus should be fertilized in the early spring with 10-10-10 at the rate of 25 lbs. per 1,000 square feet. After this time, delay application until after the final harvest (late June).